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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EUROPEAN VISIT BY DOT ASS'T SECRETARY  
FOR SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY

1. MR. HAMILTON HERMAN, RECENTLY APPOINTED ASS'T SEC. FOR  
SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY , DEPARTMENT OF TRANS-  
PORTATION IS PROPOSING TO TRAVEL TO THE U.K., GERMANY, AND  
FRANCE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS COUNTERPARTS AND VISITS TO  
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES WHEREAT NEW TECHNOLOGY IS BEING  
DEVELOPED OR UTILIZED. MR. HERMAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY  
DR. LLOYD MONEY, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT.

2. MR. HERMAN'S ITINERARY FOLLOWS:

MARCH 6 P.M. DEPART WASHINGTON

MARCH 7 A.M. ARRIVE LONDON

MARCH 8 IN LONDON

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MARCH 9 AT TRRL, CROWTHORNE

MARCH 10 A.M. DEPART LONDON, ARRIVE BONN

MARCH 11 IN MUNICH

MARCH 12 AT MAGLEV TEST TRACK, MACHING

MARCH 13 DEPART MUNICH FOR PARIS

MARCH 14-16 IN PARIS

MARCH 17 DEPART FOR WASHINGTON

3. FINAL APPROVAL FOR HERMAN VISIT HAS NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED. NONETHELESS THE INFORMATION BELOW IS PROVIDED IN ADVANCE FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES AND FLIGHT NUMBERS WILL BE PROVIDED LATER.

4. FOR LONDON:

A. DR. MONEY WILL JOIN MR. HERMAN IN LONDON AFTER HAVING ATTENDED THE TUNNELING '76 CONFERENCE, MARCH 1-5. MR. HERMAN WOULD LIKE TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON MR. D. J. LYONS, DIRECTOR GENERAL, RESEARCH DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT A.M. OF MARCH 8, FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS WITH LONDON METRO OFFICIALS INCLUDING MR. DAVID JOBLING, CONSTRUCTION MANAGER. A TOUR OF METRO CONSTRUCTION SITES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. MARCH 9 WOULD BE RESERVED FOR A TRIP TO THE TRANSPORT AND ROAD RESEARCH LABORATORY AT CROWTHORNE, BERKSHIRE. HOPEFULLY A MEETING WITH TRRL DIRECTOR SILVERLEAF COULD BE ARRANGED FOLLOWED BY A TOUR OF THE TEST FACILITIES.

B. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE SINGLE ROOM AT HOTEL CONNAUGHT FOR MR. HERMAN FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 7, 8 AND 9 WITH EARLY OCCUPATION ON MARCH 7, IF POSSIBLE. NO HOTEL ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY FOR DR. MONEY AS HE WILL RETAIN ROOM IN THE WASHINGTON HOTEL FOLLOWING TUNNELING '76 MEETING. EMBASSY TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO AIRPORT WILL BE APPRECIATED.

5. FOR BONN AND MUNICH.

A. MR. HERMAN VISITING BONN TO PAY COURTESY CALLS ON HIS COUNTERPARTS IN GERMAN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY. DR. FRENZEL, DIRECTOR OFFICE OF GROUND TRANSPORTATION AND TRAFFIC, MORT, SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ANY SCHEDULED DISCUSSIONS. HOPEFULLY THESE CAN BE ARRANGED TO PERMIT A MID-AFTERNOON DEPARTURE FOR MUNICH. AS EMBASSY AWARE, BOTH MINISTERS GSCHIEDLE AND MATTHOEFER VISITED USDOT AND SECRETARY COLEMAN DURING 1975. IN BOTH CASES THE ASS'T SEC. FOR SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY WAS REPRESENTED DURING DISCUSSIONS WITH THE

MINISTERS.

B. WHILE IN MUNICH ON MARCH 11, MR. HERMAN WISHES TO MEET WITH OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MUNICH METRO. AS MR. HERMAN IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN CONSTRUCTION COSTS PERHAPS ING. VOLKER MELDNER, WHO WE UNDERSTAND REPRESENTS THE WAYSS FREITAG COMPANY, WOULD BE OF ASSISTANCE. A TOUR OF THE UNDERGROUND TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST. MARCH 12 WOULD BE DEVOTED TO

VISITING THE MAGLEV TEST TRACK AT MACHING AND DISCUSSING THE TECHNOLOGY WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS.

C. REQUEST EMB BONN PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM AND TO THE AIRPORT AND DURING BONN STAY IF POSSIBLE. REQUEST CONGEN MUNICH RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS AT A MODERATELY PRICED COMFORTABLE HOTEL FOR MESSRS. HERMAN AND MONEY FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 10, 11 AND 12. IF AUTOMOBILE IS AVAILABLE WOULD APPRECIATE TRANSPORT FROM AIRPORT AND RETURN.

6. FOR PARIS:

A. MR. HERMAN WOULD LIKE TO PAY A COURTESY CALL ON HIS COUNTERPART IN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON MARCH 15 FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS WITH PARIS TRANSPORT AUTHORITY OFFICIALS, PARTICULARLY THE MANAGER OF THE UNDERGROUND WORKS DEPARTMENT, JEAN-FRANCOIS BOUGARD. TOURS OF UNDERGROUND CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WOULD ALSO BE OF INTEREST. THE FOLLOWING DAY WOULD BE RESERVED FOR MEETINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE FRENCH GOVERNMENT OR ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGED IN RAILWAY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT.

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B. REQUEST EMBASSY RESERVE TWO SINGLE ROOMS AT A MODERATELY PRICED COMFORTABLE HOTEL FOR NIGHTS OF MARCH 13, 14, 15, AND 16. PICK UP AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL AND RETURN TO AIRPORT ON DEPARTURE WILL BE APPRECIATED.

7. FOR ALL:

ASS'T SEC. HERMAN WOULD APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF EACH EMBASSY REGARDING THE PROPOSED TRIP AND REQUESTS SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS OR CHANGES WHICH WOULD PERMIT A MORE MEANINGFUL VISIT. KISSINGER

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